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Morning Tonic

(Junius.)

I HOLD myself indebted to any one from
whose enlightened understanding any ray of
knowledge communicates to mine. Really to in-
form the mind is to correct and to enlighten the
heart.

Uncle Walt Mason

I HAVE the measles and the croup, the shingles
and the mumps; my teeth have long been
in the soup, aches playing round their stumps;
oh, I have bunions on my jaws, I have to use a
crutch, and Doc, he says it's all because I'm eat-
ing too blamed much. I have the foot and
mouth disease, of which

EATING TOO MUCH. the sawbones talks, and
I've a pair of house-

maids' knees, and likewise chickenpox. All na-
tive ailments I have got, and ailments French
and Dutch, and Doc, he says—he makes me hot!
—I'm eating too darned much. And that's the
way that Science goes, in these dad-blistered
days; there is no pity for your woes, for any
howl you raise. When you are bent beneath dis-
ease, the doctor prods your frame, and springs
again the same old wheeze: "My friend, you are
to blame! You eat too much, you sleep too long,
you don't take exercise; you never can be well
and strong till you reform," he cries. Why can't
he dope away our ills, since we have got the
price? Why can't he cure us with his pills, and
cut out good advice?

In connection with the matter of finding a man
to succeed Victoriano Huerta, how would Nelson
O'Shaughnessy do? If Nelse would take the
job, he would have no trouble in justifying his
choice.

An exchange says President Wilson appears to
be balancing himself on one toe on a platform
that has been ripped to pieces. Nothing much
been done to that platform except to make it
consistent with itself.

Rebel leaders say Huerta is ready to step down
and out under pressure of his Cientifico support-
ers. We assume that this means that the old In-
dian is at last disposed to take a scientific view
of the matter.

Fight it out in Washington with words instead
of in Mexico with guns is the eminently sound
advice that the South American peace envoys are
giving Huerta. The question is, will he have
sense enough to accept this good counsel?

Refugees from Mexico City have brought word
that a German woman was killed in the Mexican
capital on April 27, but the refugees are not
always completely informed. It is very likely
that the killing of the German woman was on
the order of the sinking of the Louisiana.

Baltimore's protests against the choice of Rich-
mond as a reserve bank center failed. Baltimore
did not show good judgment in making this pro-
test. The Monumental City put itself in the at-
titude of crying over spilt milk, and that is never
a becoming attitude.

OUR PROGRESSIVE WOMEN.

This is Women's Week in North Carolina for
the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs
today begins its annual convention in Fayette-
ville, the sessions to continue through Friday.
That means that all North Carolina will be look-
ing Fayetteville-ward this week, for the women
of this State are becoming more and more factors
in its development, in its progressive life.

The women of America are today taking more
interest in the real things of life than ever before,
and this is a good sign for this Republic. The
influence of women is an influence for good and
North Carolina will become a greater State the
more that women become interested in its
affairs. The women's clubs of this State have
already accomplished much for it, and with their
increase and development we confidently expect
that greater things will be done for betterment
work. In this connection a review of what
women have done very recently, and what plans
are afoot will show the trend of the age in
the fuller recognition of their capabilities and of
their value as citizens. Here are some of the
affairs in which they are concerned:

Scottish trades women are actively seeking
better labor conditions for themselves.

Women were influential in securing a decision
at the polls for electric lights in Marengo, Ind.
Every taxpayer, including women, voted.

A new woman's club has been formed in Mon-
treal, which will be strictly a social club after
the fashion of the social clubs for men.

Plans are under way for the erection in St.
Paul, Minn., of a \$50,000 home for working girls
earning the minimum wage and unable to pay the
rent of suitable quarters elsewhere.

Following the example of the Kaiser in erect-
ing a seaside home for the children of the Berlin
working classes, a large German firm is building
a summer holiday home for Berlin women en-
gaged in factory work.

A joint advisory committee of members of Par-
liament and women social workers in England has
been formed to promote better laws touching on
the welfare of women and children in that
country.

The Old and New Club of Maiden, Mass., the
third oldest woman's club in the State, contrib-
utes towards a vacation school and a scholarship
fund, plants trees in the parks, conducts a clean-
up week and has helped increase the appropria-
tion for city forestry work.

Organized originally as a literary club, the Cur-
rent Events of Augusta, Me., conducts a campaign
of investigation to secure pure foods and full
weight and assists the city in a clean-up day
annually.

The Woman's Club of Barre, Vt., although only
eight months old, has opened playgrounds and
secured a competent instructor, has started a
city historical museum, has conducted lectures
and musical entertainments and has established
cooking and domestic economy classes.

The Woman's Fourth Ward Civic Improve-
ment Society of Ames, La., has erected waiting
stations at the State college street car stops and
perfected a garbage disposal system for college
club and frat houses. It orders weeds cut and,
when property owners refuse, it hires them cut
and charges the bill to the owners.

The Woman's Club of Racine, Wis., led a move-
ment for a public library and got it. It was also
instrumental in buying city lots in various loca-
tions to be used as part of a new public parks
system and children's playgrounds. It also has
started school gardens, worked for a bigger and
better city and aided women's welfare move-
ments.

The club women of Arlington, Massachusetts,
have established a club paper devoted to club
and federation news and the proceeds are devoted
to civic work.

THEN AND NOW.

Times change, old things go, new things come.
Then and now are matters which call to mind
that this is an age when progress in all things
go on. And the study of the past tells of the
great advance which has been made as the years
have gone.

Thursday of last week, April thirty, brought the
one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the
first Presidential inauguration in the United
States. The ceremony took place on the balcony
of Federal Hall in Wall Street, New York, which
city was then the Federal Capital. Dawn of the
inauguration day was greeted with a salvo of ar-
tillery and practically all of the 30,000 inhabi-
tants of New York and many visitors from other
cities thronged the streets. The church bells
were rung and at noon a troop of horse, two com-
panies of grenadiers and Highlanders in kilts es-
corted the President-elect in a coach of state to
the scene of the ceremonies. Livingston, Chan-

cellor of New York State, administered the oath
of office. Washington's fervent response was met
with cheers, "Long live George Washington, Pres-
ident of the United States," from thousands of
throats. From Federal Hall, Washington went to
the neighboring St. Paul's church to attend di-
vine services. Artillery roared and bells rang
throughout the afternoon and evening. At dusk
bon-fires and fireworks lighted up the streets and
gala balls were held, which continued into the fol-
lowing May day.

Today on the steps of the United States Sub-
Treasury building, the exact spot where Washing-
ton stood when he took the oath of office, stands
his bronze statue, whose legs have been worn
shiny by the urchins of Wall Street who have
tried to climb up to touch the bronze hand of the
father of the country. The point today is called
the monetary nerve center of the country. The
trees which shaded the narrow thoroughfare in
Washington's day have all gone, and all about
are buildings whose stony monotony towers sev-
eral hundred feet above the scene. The land
where Washington stood sold at \$2.75 a square
foot at that time; today it is valued at \$800 a
square foot, and is one of the most valuable
tracts in the world. The buildings about it are
said to represent a real value of \$300,000,000, and
in their vaults there ordinarily reposes about a
sixth of all the money in the United States. A
stone's throw away, St. Paul's church stands
with its back to Broadway preserved just as it
was when Washington knelt there for his first
prayers as President of the United States.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

Throughout this country the movement to in-
crease and extend the sphere of educational ac-
tivities is marked. It is being more thoroughly
recognized that education in the schools and col-
leges for young people must be supplemented,
that there should be, that there must be, educa-
tion for the boy and girl at work, for the men and
women at work.

The vocational school has its place in the edu-
cational life of this nation. There is need for this,
and the need is being filled. In the United States
Navy the new order of things is to give practical
education to the enlisted men. In great manu-
facturing concerns throughout the country there
are being established schools in which the em-
ployees are given opportunity for self improve-
ment, that they may be able to do better things
both for themselves and for their employers.

In this line of work there is in this country an
organization known as the National Association
of Corporation Schools. It has as its aim the
extension of the work of education of the em-
ployees of corporations throughout the country,
and it is doing a service of value. Its second
annual convention will be held in Philadelphia
this year for four days, beginning the ninth of
June. That the country is being benefited by
this organization can be readily seen, for as
schools are established for workers in these cor-
porations education is advanced.

How extensive is the work being done in this
line is indicated in a statement made by Arthur
Williams, president of the National Association
of Corporation Schools. In that he says with
reference to the meeting to be held in Philadel-
phia: "This will be the greatest effort for prac-
tical education that has ever been made and will
give an untold impetus to the work of voca-
tional, general and practical education of em-
ployees in the large corporations of the country.
Many well known educators from schools and col-
leges, now co-operating in the work of the Na-
tional Association of Corporation Schools, will
take part in the convention. The scope of the
association has been steadily increasing until it
now embraces thirty-two different industries, has
seventy Class A members, among them the lar-
gest and most progressive corporations in the
United States, representing a capitalization of
\$2,000,000,000, with more than a million em-
ployees. Included in the membership are rail-
roads, automobile manufacturers, banking houses,
shipbuilders, steel mills, clothing manufacturers,
publishing houses, public utility corporations and
insurance companies."

Work of this kind can but be of value to the
entire country, and corporations are wise in tak-
ing it up. They get value received for every dol-
lar put into it. Employers are wise who seek to
have educated employees, for the trained brain
counts every time.

General Gustav Maas need not think that he is
performing any great deed in shutting out sup-
plies from the country around Mexico. There is
a country full of rations in the United States
ready to be sent down to our boys "at the front"
and to be sold to the population of Vera Cruz
in better quality and lower prices than they have
probably been paying.